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Related Cases

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1. 07/989,611; U.S. Patent 5,417,699
2. 08/148,809; U.S. Patent 5,527,322
3. 08/252,124; U.S. Patent 5,613,974
4. 08/259,410; U. S. Patent 5,779,719
5. 08/638,076; U.S. Patent 5,792,152
6. 08/824,031; U.S. Patent 6,036,699
7. 08/883,246; U.S. Patent 6,355,050
8. 09/057,108; U.S. Patent 6,206,893
9. 09/395,901; U.S. Patent 6,358,258
10. 09/608,832
11. 09/610,099; U.S. Patent 6,558,399
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